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## National Science Foundation grant to aid underrepresented students in STEM program

BY ALLISON FARRELY  
News Reporter

In the course of the next few days, the University of Rhode Island's Collaborative for Explorations in Mathematics and Sciences will begin awarding scholarships from a \$638,939 grant awarded by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The Scholarship Program to Increase Numbers and Strengthen the Workforce in Technology and Mathematics (SPIN+) was awarded to the university by the NSF in February with the intent to support and attract underrepresented groups to science, technology, engineering and mathematical (STEM) disciplines.

In order to obtain this grant, which is intended to improve performance and retention rates for minorities in need of financial assistance interested in STEM disciplines, a team of professional investigators (PIs) were established by computer science and statistics chair and Collaborative committee member Joan Peckham.

"Our goal is to improve the learning outcomes of people who are taking these courses,"

Peckham said. "There is so much unmet need in the industry right now. There are two to three times as many jobs available as there are students right now in these disciplines, so we're hoping that this will help the URI Foundation raise scholarship money from industry to continue what it is that we're doing."

Peckham, along with co-PIs, mathematics professors Nancy Eaton and Jessica Libertini and engineering professor Yan Sun submitted a proposal to the NSF in August 2012. When they received the grant this past February, they began working to create a support system for incoming minorities to STEM disciplines that would be receiving the scholarship.

"In general we have a shortage of majors in these areas but we have a really serious situation of underrepresentation of women and other minorities and so we identified that we would look at minorities such as African Americans, Pacific Islanders and Hispanics," Peckham said. "Women are underrepresented in computer science and computer engineering so we are specifically looking at women candidates."

The scholarships will be

awarded to minority students who will be hand selected by members of the Collaborative, including Peckham, based on a multi-level ranking system that takes into consideration qualities such as their performance in high school, their rank in their graduating class, their status as a minority, and their interest in STEM disciplines.

"What we're really trying to do is the best and pick the greatest number of students that we can and try to provide the assistance we can to make the difference between choosing URI and studying in these areas or not," Peckham said. "The university calculates unmet need of students and we're hoping to fill that gap and let students come to URI."

In addition to providing financial support, SPIN+ will also be providing academic support to what Peckham expects to be a 12 person cohort of students.

"We will have a group of people on campus who are experts in mentoring students and tutoring students," Peckham said.

This group of experts

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## Student Senate approves recognition of five groups

BY JACOB MARROCCO  
Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island Student Senate recognized five new groups on campus during their meeting Wednesday night.

The Rotaract Club is an official partner of Rotary International, an organization that aims to provide numerous types of service worldwide. Rotaract will also promote leadership and professional development and have already planned a clean-up for next week. The group has 20 active members and encouraged all interested students to join.

The Sojourn Collegiate Ministry is a Christian organization that aims to create a community for religious and non-religious students to do service and charity work. Sojourn is also a forum in which any members can speak freely and ask questions on any topic they desire. Sojourn has already participated in a Polar Plunge fundraiser and would like to travel to San Diego, Calif. next year to help with Habitat for Humanity work.

"We're about creating rela-

tionships, doing events and creating a space for students who are non-religious or religious to come together," sophomore president Sarah Borneson said.

The Environmental and Natural Resource Economics Student Association (ENRESA) is designed to promote environmental sustainability and have worked closely with the Environmental and Natural Resources Department. ENRESA had those interested sign pledges for Earth Day to reduce their resource usage, such as taking shorter showers or riding the bus in exchange for items such as lettuce seeds.

Secular URI is an organization during provide a forum in which any interested students can meet to discuss culture, education, politics, science and other topics. The group, which currently has 10 members, will pursue URI professors to speak at their future meetings.

The final group recognized on the night was the Cultural Connections Club. The club pledged to promote diversity and encourage international students

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## Rhody baseball beats BC, extends win streak

BY JONATHAN SHIDELER  
Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island baseball team (19-17) pushed its win streak to four in a row Tuesday afternoon as the Rams defeated Boston College 2-1 in extra innings.

"Coming off the sweep at Fordham [last weekend] it was huge to keep the momentum going with another win," Senior Kevin Stenhouse said.

In the first inning Tim Caputo singled and then stole second to put himself in scoring position. Senior Mike LeBel then singled to left field that scored Caputo to give the Rams a 1-0 lead. LeBel went 2-4 with a double and one RBI in the win; the senior has now gone 5-13 with six RBI in his last three games.

With Junior Milan

Mantleon the mound the bottom of the first started off a bit rough. A throwing error from LeBel allowed BC's lead off batter to reach second base. Mantle then hit the next batter, and threw a wild pitch to the following batter. Matt Paré tied the game for BC with a single, junior John Hennessy then grounded into a double play that drove in a run to give BC a 2-1 advantage.

After reaching on a fielders choice in the top of the second inning junior Joe Landi scored from second on a two-out single off the bat of junior Jeff Roy to tie the game 2-2.

"When you let up a lead you always want to get it

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## Rhody pic of the day



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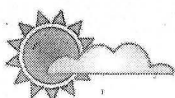
On Monday, men sported high-heels for Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, an event where men, women and children walk to stand up against rape, sexual assault and violence towards women.

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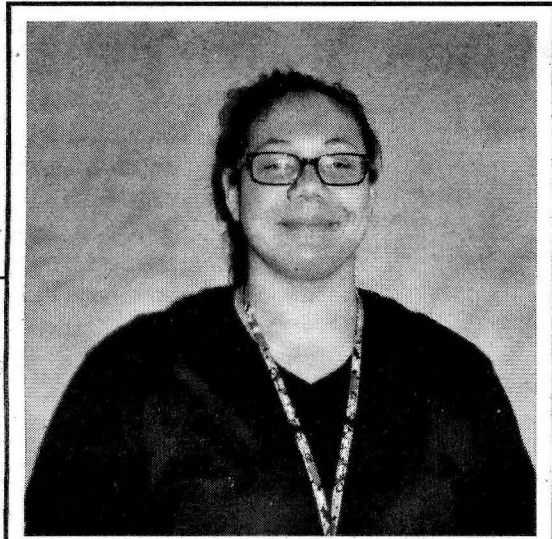
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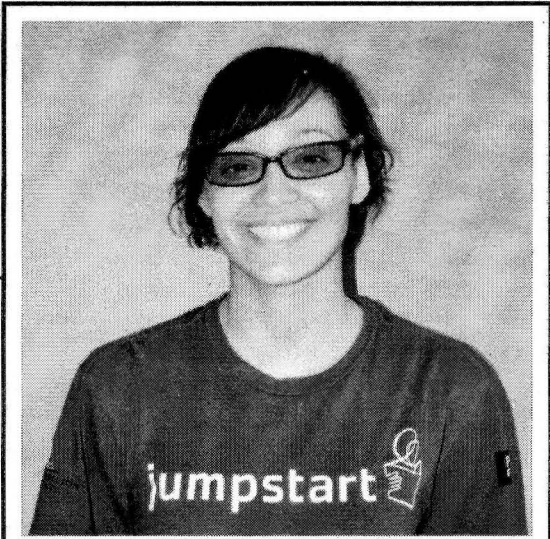
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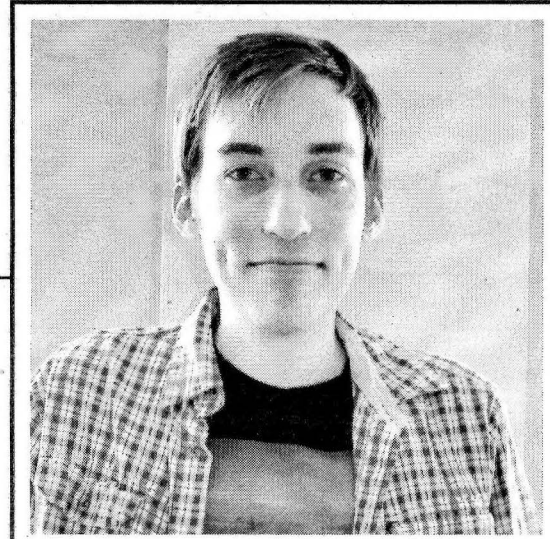
Everyone's favorite question



Katja Neves said she is "stressed out because I can't enroll in classes even with early registration. But glad it's almost over."



Christin Fernandez said she's "stressed. I have three finals on one day. That is not fair. Can't enroll in classes because I haven't paid my term bill. But happy it's almost over because I need a break."



Dan Swords said he "wouldn't say I'm stressed. The idea that summer is right around the corner, though, is not helping me get work done."

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*How are you feeling about  
the end of the year?*

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Spencer Donovan said he is "a little stressed out. Kind of wishing all the exams were spaced out better, because now you feel like everything is coming to a crashing halt at the end."



Ashley DiMeo simply said she is feeling "stressed."

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## Journalists

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ing tragedies of every probable unpleasantness, the body of knowledge that would guide effective and ethical reporting through April 4 seems to have been largely neglected.

The other harms hastily perpetrated involved reporting, even by news veterans that attempted to connect spurious evidence such as a Nerf gun which was found in a different room than where the incident occurred. These toys were being used in an outdoors-only and well-known student-run game called Humans vs. Zombies. This misinformation was planted into the expansive body of conflicting accounts of what factually took place in the class that allegedly encountered the shooter(s).

It was done because, in order to keep the officially refuted story in the news

cycle, news people were forced by the corporate profit model to give the people what the business believed they wanted: something sensational, like vague references to zombies.

With little regard for accuracy or truth, TV news stations aired interviews of apparently random students and presented to viewers as if they were reliable. In one instance, WPRO aired an interview with a URI student on the morning of April 5 who offered scant commentary other than her ill-will toward the Humans vs. Zombies game.

Other accounts will prove even more useless, considering that a great deal of students posed as involved or informed parties just to get their 15 seconds of fame. This was especially true following the end of the lockdown, when authorities announced that the non-existent shooter had been pure sensation and utter

fiction, refuting hours of on-camera testimony from hysterical and believable "eyewitnesses."

The media sensationalism expanded through the weekend, and the misinformation continued. Nerf guns, plastic guns, "I have a gun! I'm a nice guy," and zombie tag and numerous other empty, damaging conclusions floated into the media sphere. Hardly anyone knows or believes the story anymore because the news media already sold off most of their credibility in order to bring out all of the wrong stories first.

And did anyone hear that a suspicious man was arrested the day before the lockdown by the South Kingstown Police at the Kingston Emporium with an arsenal of rifles in his truck?

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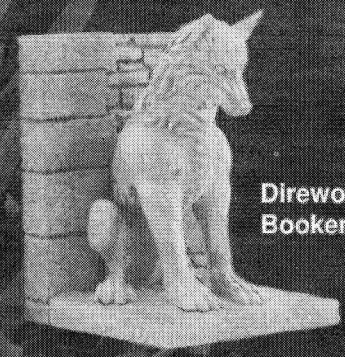
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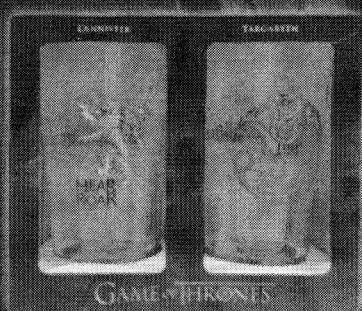
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# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## Boston Marathon events affect many, won't take Patriots' day from locals

BY MIKE ABELSON  
Sports Editor

It was 2:15 on Monday afternoon. I was in my apartment enjoying a late lunch and watching Mike Napoli send Fenway Park into a tizzy with a walk-off hit to win the Red Sox game.

It was Patriots' Day. The Sun was up. The Marathon was in full swing. The Sox had won. This is how the best Monday of the year is supposed to be.

Less than an hour later the cheers were replaced with tears. The joy and euphoria of the best Monday of the year had been swallowed and regurgitated as the confusion and hysteria of the cruelest of nightmares. This isn't supposed to happen. Not in this town. Not on this day.

As a native Bay Stater, it's hard to describe how much the state anticipates Patriots' Day. Try combining Christmas, Hanukkah, Super Bowl Sunday, and the first day of summer vacation: that's Marathon Monday. Schools are closed, families are together and the Red Sox are on at 11 a.m. As a kid there was no better Monday, and as an adult there still isn't.

Patriots' Day is Massachusetts' day. The race snakes through eight towns and usually brings out hundreds of thousands of fans

and volunteers. It's a 26.2-mile party. New Orleans has Mardi Gras; Boston has Patriots' Day.

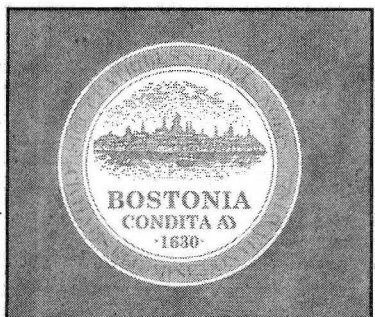
Then Monday happened. Three days later it still hasn't sunk in. That a corps of miscreants could, or would, ever cause this type of chaos on a day as joyous as Patriots Day doesn't seem real.

I cried. I screamed. I panicked when I couldn't get through to friends in town (I did later in the day). There were no words.

The pain will linger, but Boston will survive. The degenerates responsible will be brought to justice, the town will dust itself off, and it will remain strong.

A day later the Sun rose. Boston was there. Two days later the Sun rose. Boston was there.

Patriots' Day was Boston's day. Patriots' Day is Boston's day. Patriots' Day will always be Boston's day. No one can, or will, ever take that away from us.



The flag of Boston, Mass.

## URI 'shooting' shows how far behind we still are as journalists, students say

URI 'shooting' shows how far behind we still are as journalists

What we've come to hear on numerous occasions and contexts of our education at the University of Rhode Island is that our society is considerably troubled and cannot be bothered with vital information – chalk it up to elitism or blissful ignorance, or even a perfect hybrid of both. When complacency replaces proactivity, and the value of being an informed American is neither recognized nor reinforced, it's no wonder such troubling neurosis persists in our society.

As if we are aroused and consumed by mediocrity, we endorse and reinforce the news media to perpetuate this metaphorical condition by simply watching and rarely questioning. This is perhaps part of what WPRO host Matt Allen calls "the putrid Rhode Island gene" – a germ that flourishes in our unique petri dish, incubated by unsophisticated and softball news investigation, shoddy or lazy research and careless rehashing of unverifiable accounts, all coalescing to create a news culture that prove as substantial to the needs of Rhode Islanders as daily drips from TMZ and the National Inquirer, or the blog posts of a melancholy house cat named "Tardar Sauce."

Of course public interest in the "shooting" has waned: the story staled as an inevitable consequence of insubstantial reporting. Naturally, it had to be piggy-backed on the issue of arming the campus police, a dead-horse controversy, given the fact that the most common form of violent crime on the Kingston campus is burglary, followed by rape, according to crime statistics released by the URI Police in 2011.

The events on Thursday, April 4 showed us, as ever-skeptical jour-

nalists, is that we must take an objective look at what our industry is devolving into, and determine the grounds on what disciplined steps must be taken to reverse it. An objective account this is not—it is, however, highly critical.

On the afternoon of April 4 and into the weekend, our fears of a mass attack by unknown gunpeople were compounded by concerns with journalistic integrity, and through the weekend we discovered that our industry was unable to fulfill the needs of vital public discourse.

Less of a discovery than a revelation looking us dead in the eye is the fact that we've only just pinpointed an inherent disconnection that our news media exhibit, far-flung from the priorities of truth-seeking and verification, of being right before being first, of loyalty to our citizens, and consideration of the reputable harm on innocent parties that develops as a result of reckless reporting.

On April 4, it seemed as if the television news stations had pursued the dead-in-the-water "possible active shooter" story with inhuman, insatiable vigilance, stalking professors and calling over any eager student to speak on what happened in the auditorium at the Chafee Social Science Center when hundreds stamped in a panic to get away from an alleged gunman.

Very few stories contained a semblance of actual proof that any of these students' accounts could be positively cross-referenced with the exact classroom and exact time of the incident. Not until a comprehensive reunion of the students and the professor of the class is realized, those who actually heard the man screaming, can any analysis or conclusions be drawn as to what actually happened? But on April 4 and through the

weekend, we heard plenty of reported accounts that bypassed this simple rule.

Based on various reports published by the Providence Journal and other local news outlets, a sizable catalogue of things went wrong in the local law enforcement and URI administrative response to the "possible active shooter" at the Kingston campus. In hours, our local catastrophe-in-progress became internationally known, and thousands of non-reputable and false accounts already saturated the so-called "social media" universe.

What seems to have passed through our fingers is a public discussion about how close we really were to being fatally unprepared. A full-campus lockdown came 30 minutes after the building alarms called to evacuate Chafee, reaching only a select number of its eight occupied floors. Students were left to walk around campus, and scores crowded outside the Chafee building, hovering less than 100 feet from the perimeter. And evacuees were instructed to stay within the danger zone. Public safety officials appeared to be wholly unfamiliar with how a campus lockdown should have unfolded.

Sadly, the most grievous miscalculations born of the response to this potential tragedy is represented in the industry closest to our hearts, the media who should be making sure our public servants do their jobs and do them well. We are hardly more prepared to address the very possible and very real consequences of a shooting attack on our campus than we were after the rampages of Seung-Hui Cho at Virginia Tech or James Eagan Holmes in Aurora, Co.

And despite dozens of years of collective experience as news people cover-

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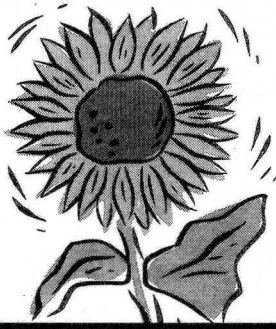
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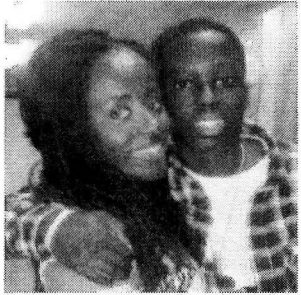
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## 'Mad Men' returns for sixth season with understated confidence, progressing acting

BY AUGIE KING  
Entertainment Editor

When it comes to television talks, usually a similar crop of shows come up. Did you see that crazy battle on "Game of Thrones"? What do you think Walter White is going to do next? Who is going to bite the dust next time on "The Walking Dead"? But I have to say, where is everyone's love for "Mad Men"? The show about a 1960s advertising company always seems to slip through the cracks, and I don't think it gets the attention it deserves. Sure it doesn't have dragons, zombies, or drug dealers to "spice" things up, but in its own quiet and self-assured way, it's arguably better than any of these much-talked-about shows. Sure, "Breaking Bad" reigns supreme, but still.

With the first three episodes of season six, as with those of every other season of the show, it is hard to gauge and judge them as individual pieces of the story. This is because "Mad Men," unlike most other dramatic shows, is singularly character-and-theme focused rather than on traditional plot progression. There will be episodes where you think to yourself, "What actually happened here?" Usually a lot actually happened, it is just often times bubbling beneath the surface and stealthily foreshadowing future events or is purely a piece of clever symbolism.

So when the season premiere opens with Don Draper reciting a portion of "Dante's Inferno," it's not something that is placed there just because. Ever since the Kennedy assassination a few seasons ago, the show has progressively gone down a darker and more ominous route that resulted in the shocking death of Lane Pryce. With the placement of "Dante's Inferno" here, as well as the inevitable societal firestorm that will eventually come in the late 60s with Vietnam and civil rights, it looks like the show isn't exactly treading towards greener pastures.

Although even with his mother's death and funeral, Roger Sterling remained as ever quick-witted and humorous as we know him. Her death seems to barely even register to him as he practically brushes it aside in his mind. It takes the death of his usual shoeshine man to get him to (in an ironically funny scene) have an emotional breakdown. Sadly, Sterling barely got any screen time in the third episode, especially since John Slattery is just so much fun to watch play the part, but the heightened focus on him in the first two made up for this.

Since her resignation from Sterling Cooper Draper Pryce last year, I was curious to find out how the show would handle Peggy at her new job. So far her story is completely separate from the main one, although I'm sure she will cross paths again with Don later down the line. In the meantime, some of Don's bossy leadership traits seem to have rubbed off on her, although without the condescending coldness that her former boss often showed to her. It feels great to see Peggy being able to take charge and having more freedom, and it's great to know that she hasn't been pushed aside in the

show's focus, primarily because I believe is just as important to the main thrust and engagement to the story as Don is.

Less successful at emulating Don than Peggy is everyone's favorite punching bag Pete Campbell, the thorn in everyone else and the audience's side. Ever since the show began, there has always been an understated inner strive from him to be like Don. The problem is that he lacks his coworker's poise and finesse. He displays that more with his new mistress, and even more with the treatment he gives her when she comes to his house after her husband beat her. He deserved another good clock to the face, but Trudy's hard stance that she wants a divorce was more than satisfying. That last scene between them really shows that Alison Brie is just as great a dramatic actress here as she is a comedic one on "Community."

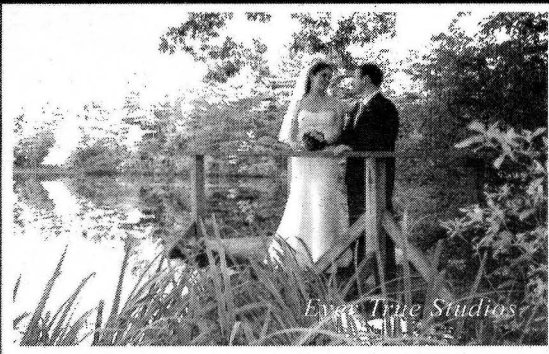
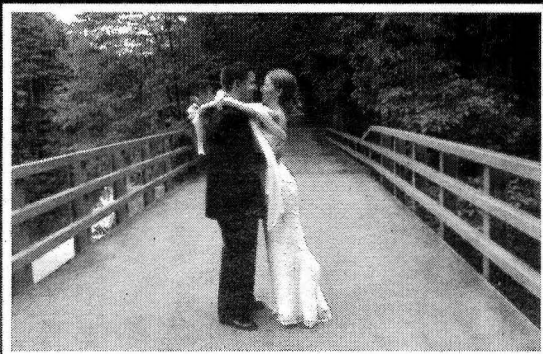
As I said before, it's hard to get a read on where things will go with a show like this that doesn't adhere to an established plot structure, though I think it's safe to say darker things lay ahead. We already get a hint at this with Betty's search for Sally's friend in a rundown hippie house. If I'm not mistaken it's the first time one of these characters has become exposed to others living in less fortunate circumstances, and how the cultural norms they were born into are going through significant changes with the new generation. Don himself could possibly go through some more change too, with the loss of his lighter giving him a bit a shock as a photographer says, "I want you to be yourself." Little does this man know that Don hasn't actually been himself for many years, and lives under an illusion that threatens to break at any point.

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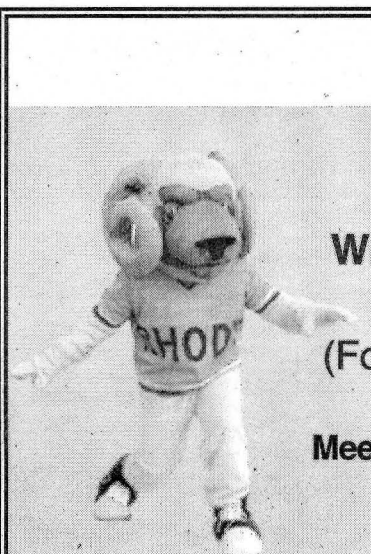


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## 'Scary Movie 5' one of worst of year

BY ADAM HOFFSTEIN  
Entertainment Writer

I think I may have giggled once or twice during the beginning of "Scary Movie 5." I spent the rest of the movie holding back a huge stream of vomit. Since I had brought my laptop into the theater with me, I didn't exactly want to get it all disgusting and messy. Otherwise, I wouldn't be able to play "Bioshock Infinite." Otherwise, I'd have to pay full attention to the horror that is "Scary Movie 5."

Okay, so I know it sounds like I'm exaggerating, but I really didn't care for the fifth installment in the "Scary Movie" series. Aside from the brief cameos by Charlie Sheen and Snoop Dog, this movie was the theatrical equivalent of a terrible virus. It wasn't really the fact that the scenes were arranged in a completely arbitrary manner. Nor was it Ashley Tisdale's depressing career move that made this movie so inherently gross. Even the blatant racism and poop jokes in "Scary Movie 5" paled in comparison to the putrid smell of a dying movie franchise that permeated the whole film.

Unlike the previous "Scary Movies" where at least you could tell that the writers put some effort into trying to be funny, every joke in "Scary Movie 5" is incredibly half-baked. Plus, all the movie references were painfully old. Really guys, you're going to make an "Inception" joke in 2013? How trendy. Equally confusing was the writer's decision to parody "Black Swan." Why? Did you run out of horror movies to make fun of? "Black Swan," in addition to coming out several years ago, was intended for a mature audience. If you're marketing a film for young teens, what is the point of parodying a movie that your target audience has likely never heard of? Beats me. I guess if you're making a movie purely for the sake of raking in cash, it doesn't really matter.

Then again, if you're trying to make your movie as marketable as possible towards a wide audience, what's the point of making it extremely racist? Sure, the previous "Scary Movies" had some bits of off-color humor (namely the part where the

Eminem wannabe accidentally wears a Klu Klux Klan outfit), but they were at least kind of funny. From what I could see through the palm of my hand, the racist jokes in "Scary Movie 5" went a little too far. You're going to go around comparing black people to apes? How clever. The running joke with the Mexican housekeeper was also pretty bad. If I learned anything throughout this entire movie it was that racial stereotypes are really, really stupid. I'm pretty sure John Ford movies were more culturally sensitive than this one.

Anyways, enough of the negatives I had. Let me focus on the positive aspects of this movie. Well, for one it was only an hour and 25 minutes long. That's what IMDB said at least. I can't be too sure though because I actually walked out about three quarters through after my laptop ran out of power and I had to pay full attention to the film. Seriously though, do not watch "Scary Movie 5" unless you want to ruin your whole day and lose faith in humanity.

## Senate

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to come together and work on group events, such as the recent Brazilian Block Party. The organization has 14 members and any interested students can join.

"We feel as though there are many people who can contribute to the growing cultural society here at the University of Rhode Island," junior president Anthony Russello said.

The sixth group scheduled for recognition, the Longboard Club, did not have a representative present at the meeting.

### IN OTHER NEWS—

- Senate will vote next week on a programming contingency grant of \$2,250 for the Scuba Club. The funding would cover the cost of SCUBA certification for the club's members.

- Senate will vote next week on a capital improvements contingency grant of \$911 for the URI Martial Arts: Capoeira group. The grant would supplement the cost of musical instruments the club wishes to purchase.

- Senate held an internal election to determine their Elections Committee. Adam Schumter, Sarah Patterson, Emily Schaffert, Martin Lannan and Rebecca Allamey filled the five seats.

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## STEM

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includes director of URI's Academic Enhancement Center and Collaborative member, David Hayes and engineering professor Chuck Watson, both of whom have extensive experience mentoring students and Betty Ericson who will be working with faculty to figure out how to best support these students.

"Nowhere is the problem of underrepresentation in higher education more pronounced than in the STEM disciplines, and URI is no different from other flagship institutions in this regard," said Hayes in a press release. "By providing the financial, academic and personal support needed to attract and retain students of color and women in STEM, we are taking a step forward not only in terms of diversifying the STEM workforce, but in strengthening our institution and paving the way for future generations of students."

Peckham believes that this program will not only improve the university's retention rates, but will also help the Rhode Island economy and even the global economic market.

"This is a very good thing for Rhode Island because the university is intimately connected to the

well being of the state," Peckham said. "If we have more...potential employees in these areas it will help the states economic development."

Currently, the Collaborative is waiting to hear back from three other NSF proposals to address undergraduate instruction and K-12 education in STEM disciplines.

"I just hope more students will choose to take STEM courses regardless of their major," Peckham said. "If you listen to [the] speeches that Obama gives and you listen to people in congress everyone is concerned that we do not have enough students in these [STEM] disciplines."

## Baseball

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back as soon as you can." Head coach Jim Foster said. "We've done a good job lately making sure we get runs and get the lead back when we need to."

Mantle pitched until the fifth inning, he then handed the ball over to senior Rob Curran. Curran went on to pitch four scoreless frames that helped the Rams force extra innings.

In the top of the tenth inning senior Kevin

Stenhouse singled to right field to put the go-ahead run on base for Rhody. A sacrifice bunt from LeBel allowed Stenhouse to move into scoring position. Freshman Connor Foreman then singled which moved Stenhouse to third base. Stenhouse would then score on a past ball to give the Rams the 3-2 lead going into the bottom of the tenth.

The Rams closer Bobby Dean had a 1-2-3 inning with two strikeouts to pick up his seventh save of the year.

Everything seem to come together nicely in the Rhody win as the Rams out-hit the Eagles 12-4 and the three Rams pitchers allowed no earned runs and struck out nine BC batters.

"It was nice for our guys to rack up a bunch of hits and our pitchers to keep throwing as well as they've had most of the year," Stenhouse said.

This weekend the Rams host Temple University for a three game series in hopes to continue their run to the top of the Atlantic 10 baseball standings. Game one will be Friday at 3 p.m., game two will start Saturday at 1 p.m. and the series will conclude on Sunday at noon.

## Golf

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28th, respectively, at the championship. Fayerweather began the competition +3 on Saturday but shot a +8 on Sunday for a total of 155. Ray shot a +5 on the first day of play, which was good for his second-lowest score on the season. He finished the tournament two strokes behind Fayerweather at 177.

Rhode Island continues their spring season at the Century Intercollegiate Tournament at the Century Country Club in Purchase, N.Y., this Saturday and Sunday. The Rams took first place at the Century Intercollegiate Tournament last season with a total of 600 shots and Chicorka took the individual title.

"The win last year was a big breakthrough for us, and to win a tournament is great but to defend a title is better in some ways," Burke said. "We love the golf course and our guys worked really hard in the weight room since last October. We hope the improvements we made and our hard work pays off."

## Softball

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Other hitters on the day were Taylor Archer and Ashley Olson. Archer singled once in each game while Olson singled twice in the second game.

On the defensive end, the Rams saw a complete game from their star pitcher Erika Szymanski. Szymanski took the tough loss in the opener, as she pitched her eighth complete game of the season. She allowed only two runs on seven hits.

"Erika pitched great for us," Layton said. "She was awesome and kept us in the game until the end. She has been strong for us in all of our close games."

In the late game, Sam Bedore started for the Rams, but was relieved by Caitlin Kennedy in the third inning. Kennedy gave strong relief as she allowed two runs on seven hits and striking out a pair.

The Rams return home for their next game against Connecticut the Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

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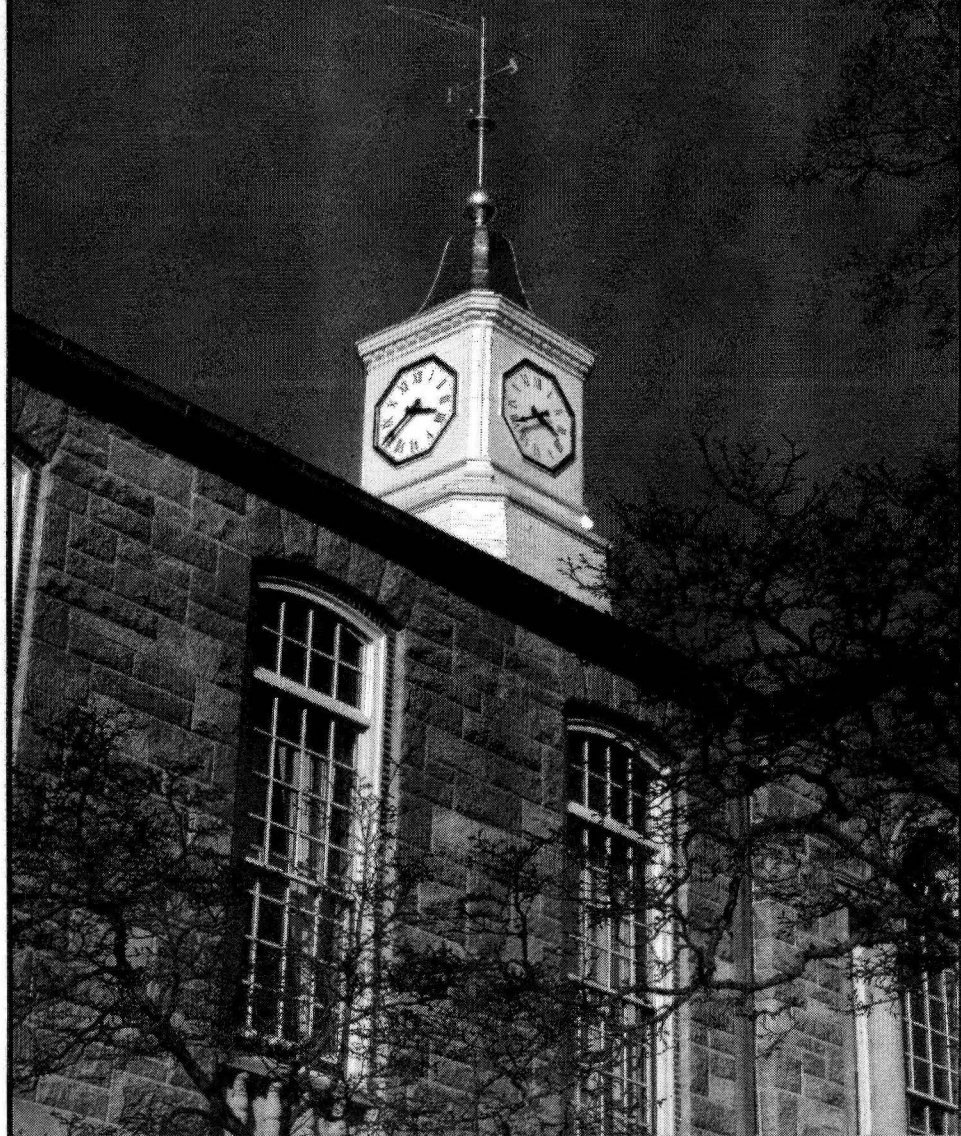
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# Rhody SPORTS



## Rams women's rowing swept by Brown

BY JACOB MARROCCO  
Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island women's rowing team was swept in four races by ninth-ranked Brown University this Saturday at the Seekonk River in Providence.

The regatta marks the first time this season that the Rams' varsity-eight boat has lost and Rhode Island was not able to come within 11 seconds of the Bears in any of the contests.

"There are a lot of positives we can take out of the weekend," Rhode Island head coach Shelagh Donohoe said. "It's always good to get a reality check on your speed and I think Brown is one of the faster teams in the country. I think we have a good idea of where we are."

The varsity-eight boat, led by senior Anne Mulholland, senior Ari Wakeman, sophomore Kari Tomeny, junior Lindsay Stephenson, senior Lotte Sherman, sophomore Kate Capistran, senior Anne Edwards and junior coxswain Kris Hudak, started off the competition with a time of 6:20.22. Brown outraced the Rams, though, at 6:09.61.

The Rams' second varsity-eight boat dropped their race by 26 seconds after sophomore Sophia Labeko, senior Hannah Johnson, junior Meghan Sickinger, senior Alice Murray, senior Lauren Carter, junior Kaitlyn Rupert, sophomore Chloe Beach, junior Celine Gill and junior coxswain Chelsea Paulin failed to keep pace with Brown.

"I actually thought the varsity-eight boat raced well," Donohoe said. "A lot of schools lose to Brown by 10 seconds, so it's not like it was so far off the mark. I think that they did race well and I think it shows how much more speed we can get."

Junior Siobhan Norton, junior Alyssa Goley, freshman Quinn Snyder, sophomore Hannah Milam and freshman coxswain Avery Cohen led the Rams' A-boat to a second-place finish in the varsity 4+ race with a time of 7:31.79. Sophomores Michelle Forte, Jess Bergen, Allison Zolnowsky and Liz Swain and freshman coxswain Carly Amurao were able to clinch a third-place finish in the B-boat for Rhode Island after clocking in at 7:43.21.

The Rams' C-boat, led by Freshmen Lily Herberger, Allyson Ancona, Elizabeth Shadle, Cara McEachern and sophomore coxswain Kerndja Bien-Aime, grabbed fifth place with a time of 8:36.18.

Rhode Island's third varsity-eight boat finished 33 seconds behind the Bears in their final race of the day. Sophomore Melissa Kiamie, sophomore Mary Estrada Madden, junior Brittany Diamond, junior Mary Toth, sophomore Rhianna Bozzi, freshman Abbey Miklitsch, freshman Skylar Wright, freshman Megan Rudkin and freshman coxswain Alissa Margraf ended with a time of 7:36.

The Rams return to action this weekend when they participate in the Clemson Invitational. This will be the first time Rhode Island has

taken part in the event.

"We have to make sure we execute our own race," Donohoe said. "Going down to Clemson we're going to be racing against [about] 19 schools and there's going to be six boats racing at once. It's a great prep for the Atlantic-10 Championship so I think that's going to be really good for us."



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## Rhody softball drops two against Providence

BY EMILY JACOBS  
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The losing streak continues for the University of Rhode Island softball team, as they were swept by in state rival Providence College on Tuesday.

In the first game of the afternoon, the crowd witnessed a thriller. Providence took the early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. The Rams wasted no time tying it up, as they scored in the top of the second. The game would stay locked at one until the bottom of the seventh inning.

With the bases loaded and one out, Providence's pinch-hitter Sarah Kitterman hit a sacrifice fly, allowing Lauren Paive to score the walk-off run. Rhody's Megan Congro made a diving catch, but was unable to recover and get the out at the plate.

"This is the second series where we have had a close game and lost it at the end," head coach Erin Layton said. "It is disappointing, but we are making the games close and we will come away with a win."

Providence controlled the second game, as they built a steady lead through the first

two innings. The Friars scored two runs in both the first and second innings, to go up 4-0.

The Rams got on the board in the third inning scoring one run, which was followed by two more runs in the bottom of the third by Providence. The other run for the Rams came from a late rally in the top of the seventh.

"[Providence's] pitcher was really able to shut us down," Layton said. "We need to work on hitting the low-end pitch offensively."

Despite being swept, the Rams saw hitting from many players. Stacey Fox had three hits on the day. She singled in the opener, and then reached base twice in the second game with a double and a single.

Emily Hendricks gathered the most stats of the day. She had two infield singles, one walk, one stolen base and one RBI on the day.

Olivia Hendricks crossed home plate the most on the day. She appeared as a pinch runner and scored in both games. Hendricks has appeared in 16 games as a pinch runner and has scored seven times.

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## Golf takes second place in Division I championship

BY JACOB MARROCCO  
Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island golf team finished second at the New England Division I Championship in Middletown, R.I., this past weekend.

Rhode Island had a two-stroke lead heading into Sunday's play, shooting a spring-best 295 as a squad. However, The Rams completed the competition with 600 total strokes, which was good for second place over Hartford University by two strokes, but 11 strokes behind first-place University of Connecticut.

"We're thrilled to have played so well on the first day," Rhode Island head coach Gregg Burke said. "We're disappointed we didn't play so well the second day because we put an awful lot of work into it. It's a championship we haven't won since 2005, so we're disappointed we didn't do better."

Junior Andrew Fiorenzano shot the best for the Rams after hitting +3 on the first day and +1 on Sunday, which allowed him to finish tied for fifth-place overall out of 50 golfers on the par-

72 course. Fiorenzano's 73 on the second day of play was his lowest of the spring season.

Senior Branden Chicorka finished tied with Fiorenzano for fifth place after shooting a +1 on Saturday followed by a +3 on Sunday for a total of 148. Chicorka was able to place in the top eight of all but one tournament in which he has participated this season.

"[Chicorka] came into the tournament with every expectation to win," Burke said. "I believe he's the best player in New England. He very much wanted to win it but it just wasn't his tournament. He's been playing extremely well but he just didn't play the way he's played most recently."

Junior Jared Adams achieved the second-best finish of his Rhode Island career after ending the competition in a tie for eighth place. Adams shot for par on the first day, the best of any Rams' golfer. A +5 on Sunday brought Adams to a 149-shot total, which also gave him his best placing on the year.

Freshmen Nick Fayerweather and senior Jeffrey Ray finished 24th and

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## Rhody pic of the day



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A University of Rhode Island women's club lacrosse player is chased by the opposite team during last weekend's game. On Sunday April 21, URI hosts the NEWLL East title games.